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The DA's office last week attacked the legality of a defense motion to have Clay L. Shaw's conspiracy trial moved to another jurisdiction and asked that the motion be thrown out of court. Instead of answering the motion, assistant DA's filed a motion of their own claiming that the defense move did not comply with state law and asking that it be stricken from the record. The state's counterattack came as Shaw appeared before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. to go through the formality of requesting a continuance. The trial was to have started Tuesday, but the change of venue motion necessitated a postponement. Judge Haggerty gave the defense until Monday to answer the state's motion. A hearing had previously been set for March 5 on the defense motion.

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